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The Court of Appeals found in our favor (and contrary to Nadya Suleman's contentions) that any person, even a person not related to children, i.e. Paul Petersen, would have standing to file a petition for guardianship over the estate of minors. The Court stated that this is a case of first impression and that there have been no other published cases in California on this issue. We are very happy that the Court of Appeals agreed with us on this point and applied the new test which we proposed for determining who has the right to file a petition with the Court to have a guardian appointed to protect the financial estates of children in the future. The Court, however, found that more direct evidence needs to be alleged upon the filing of a petition before a court can consider if a guardian should be appointed and found that Mr. Petersen had not alleged sufficient specific evidence of financial mismanagement for the case to go forward. Our client will now consider his legal options, including if he will file with the California Supreme Court.

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